

PRICE ONLY CRITERION

LAST EDITION.

MR. FORGET REMEMBERS

He Paid That \$500 to Police
Captain Schmittberger,

Personally,
—
CAPT. GRANT ACCUSED NOW

**Saloon-Keeper Wolf Says He Has
to Pay "Blood Money" to
His Two Wardmen.**

MORE HOCHSTIM BLACKMAIL
Lexow Witness Buck Says Hi
Uncle's Refusal of a Chowder

Ticket Made Trouble.

Augustin Forget, the general agent for the French Steamship line, had recovered sufficiently from his ordeal of Tuesday to appear before the Lexow Com-

It will be remembered that Mr. Goff last week labored in vain to induce him to admit that he had the \$500 item which appeared on the

books of the Company as having been paid by him for the surveillance of the wharf, "et cetera," had gone to Capt. Schmittberger, but that he exhibited a painful lack of memory upon the subject. The payment was made just before Capt. Schmittberger left the Steamboat Squad.

Mr. Forget had been subpoenaed to attend yesterday's session, but had sent a note stating that the state of his health would not permit him to be present, so he was excused.

Mr. Goff put Mr. Forget on the witness stand at the opening of to-day's hearing. Senator Pound presided in the absence of Mr. Goff.

"Have you examined your books and memoranda since last Tuesday?" asked Mr. Goff.

"Yes, sir," replied the witness.

"And can you give any further particulars in regard to that payment of \$500 of Dec. 31, 1891?"

Remembers Paying Schmittberger.

"Yes, sir. I have discovered that the money was paid to Capt. Schmittberger, personally."

This was stated in the coolest manner possible and made a sensation in

Mr. Forget continuing said that a police officer came to him early in the month of December with a letter from Capt. Schmittberger, who stated that as the French line had not been paying its \$10 a week to Policeman De Gann for nearly a year, something was due to the Department.

In other words, it was time to make up the deficiency.

"I told the messenger," said Mr. Forget, whose memory seemed to have been wonderfully brushed up, "that I would consider the matter and let the Captain know what I would do in about a fortnight."

"At the end of that time Capt. Schmittberger came to me, accompanied by an officer in uniform, and talked over the matter in my private office."

"He told me that he thought he ought to get the usual allowance, and as I had been paying \$10 a week to De Gann, while he was stationed on the wharf, and nothing had been paid for about a year, that \$90 would about square the account."

Paid Him in Bills, Personally.

"Did you pay him the money?"

"Yes, with my own money."

"Yes, after discussing the matter a little longer, I got the money he wanted and gave it to him."
"Did he take it himself?"
"Yes, sir; and he put it in his pocket and went away. I have never seen him since that time."
"How did you pay him?"
"In bills."
"Haven't appeals been made to you by friends of Cant. Schmittheger as

"You may go, Mr. Forget," said Mr. Goff, with an air of evident satisfaction, having finally got what he wanted.

Mr. Goff then called Policeman Matthew Reilly, a fine-looking man of middle age, who had five stripes on his coat sleeve. He had been a member of the police force for twenty-six years, he said, and fifteen of these he had spent with the steamboat squad.

"You have never been promoted in all his time," asked the counsellor.

"No, sir."

"Isn't it generally understood on the shore that promotions can only be secured by the payment of money?"

"I believe that is the custom."

Wanted Reilly to Give Up, Too.

Reilly said he had formerly been stationed on the Cunard pier for five years, but had been removed from there by Capt. Schmittberger.

"Did the Company pay you anything?"

"Yes, I received \$10 a week from them for several years."

"Did you have to give up any of this to any one?"

"Yes, I always gave half of it to the yard man. I served then under Capt. Castlin."

"Was any demand made upon you for any more?"

"Yes. Ward Man Vail came to me after Capt. Schmittberger took command of the squad, and said that the Captain wanted everything."
"What did you say?"
"I said no, I wouldn't do it. I thought I was entitled to something, as I worked hard for my money, and I am a poor man. Vail then went away and not long afterwards I was transferred."
"Did you expect that?"


